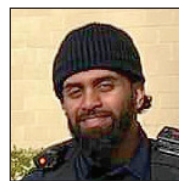




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Spotlight on Women

Teacher Lois Rosado Impacts Her Adopted City: Greenbelt

by Kyla Hanington

To learn about Lois Blades Rosado is to be amazed by her many contributions and accomplishments on behalf of the citizens of Greenbelt. To talk to Rosado is to learn quickly of her genuine humility; when approached about this article for the News Review, Rosado initially demurred and offered the name of a woman she felt deserved recognition more than she did. Throughout our conversation, she was quick to give credit and gratitude to others. Rosado and her spouse retired and moved from New York City to Greenbelt just before New Year's Day in 2010, to be near two of their three daughters. Rosado quickly engaged with her new town.

Brought up in a Brooklyn brownstone by Barbadian parents who were "always involved with community activities," Rosado was instilled with their values



Lois Rosado

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of community involvement and working for the betterment of others. "You learn by seeing," she said, "you learn by doing. You learn the only people who are going to protect your community is you."

Rosado was inspired to join

Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Committee in 2012 by John Henry Jones. Through her work on that initiative, Rosado connected with Barbara Havekost, who she credits with helping her connect to civic activities in Greenbelt. "Doors were opened for me in Greenbelt by Barbara," she said. Havekost invited Rosado to join the Greenbelt Community Foundation, among other initiatives, where Rosado served for four years.

When she relocated to Greenbelt at age 65, she knew if she "was going to engage in the community (she) had to learn its history." Having lived in a Black community with Black representation, where her neighborhood was the proverbial village that helped raise one another's children, it was a shock to move to a new community where she and her husband knew no one other than their children. Learning Greenbelt's history of segregation and its history as a sundown town were larger shocks. She has spent her life teaching and working with all sorts of different people from all walks of life, but

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Charter Amendment Hearing Garners Assorted Opinions

by Diane Oberg

Even with a 15-minute grace period for folks stuck in traffic or unaccustomed to quick council meetings, the first public hearing on the charter amendment to allow council to waive the residency requirement for city managers was over in just 47 minutes. There will be a second hearing on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m.

The Greenbelt City Charter currently requires that the city manager live in Greenbelt. The charter amendment would modify the charter to prohibit the manag-

er from living outside of the city without the approval of council.

The opinions at the first hearing ranged from yes to no to maybe with slightly more commenters favoring the amendment.

Yes

Among the yeses, Louise Weisman of University Square reminded council that Greenbelt is not a one-stop-sign town anymore and that it is more important to hire a fully-qualified

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Spotlight on Women

Isabelle Gournay: Parisian, Architect, Iconic Greenbelter

by Letty Wilson Bonnell



PHOTO BY LETTY WILSON BONNELL

This Gournay sketch of Old Greenbelt Theatre is featured on Greenbelt Museum notecards.

"Greenbelt is a phenomenal enterprise."

Maybe a similar thought has run through your mind as you walk or bike our pathways, use our recreational facilities, see a movie in our historic theater or take part in activities in our Community Center? When Greenbelt resident Isabelle Gournay makes such a statement, however, many folks outside our own community take notice.

Architectural historian Gournay has taught at the University of Maryland's School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (MAPP) from 1992 to 2018. In 2006, she moved into one of the five experimental prefabricated Cape Cod houses built in Greenbelt by the federal Farm Security Administration in 1937. Now part of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), Gournay enjoys the fact

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Spotlight on Women

Women Pioneers of Reparations

by LaWann Stribling

Reparations means making amends for a wrong by paying money to or otherwise helping those who have been wronged. The act of repairing something. Reparations for slavery is the application of the concept of reparations to the victims of chattel slavery and their descendants.

I am LaWann Stribling, born LaWann Pendleton. I've been on an 11-year journey to trace my family heritage via Ancestry.com.

What Goes On

Monday, April 3

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession: Revenues-Miscellaneous-Grants & Contributions/Social Services, Municipal Building

Wednesday, April 5

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Prince George's County Council Representatives, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

I come from a broken family, a broken home. I saw my mother twice before I turned 18. Reading microfilm, I saw my ancestors amounted to the recording of an age, sex and skin tone (black or mulatto). My ancestors were farm hands, laborers, oystermen and servants enslaved in Charles County, Petersville and Frederick, Md.; in Accomack County and Madison and Orange, Va.; and in North Carolina and Florida.

Current Environment

In August 2019 The New York Times, marking the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery, began an initiative called the 1619 Project, which centers on the consequences of slavery and contributions of Black Americans. The next year, in 2020, after George Floyd and Breonna Taylor were murdered, I felt a shift in the environment and hoped it would cause residents to pause and reflect on what's going on in the nation. Descendants of the enslaved are still living marginalized lives, not respected and suffering emotionally, mentally, educationally and financially from the effects of chattel slavery. We deserve



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Colorized photo of Callie House, a formerly enslaved widow and mother, who became a national leader of the "ex-slave pension movement".

the benefits of everything our ancestors built, and the ability to search for our ancestors should be free of charge, included with reparations. This information was also taken from us by the individuals who stole, enslaved and imprisoned us.

Below are the stories of some women who have led the way for reparations.

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PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Bloodroot is blooming. See No Mow article on page 7.

Editorial

Our City Manager Should Live Here

The City Charter is the governing document that defines council’s powers. Council wants to amend the charter to allow themselves the option to waive the longstanding city manager residency requirement on a case-by-case basis.

The News Review supports requiring residency because we believe the city manager should share first-hand the experience of living in Greenbelt.

The recent city manager advertisement (at the URL below) inexplicably failed to mention the only specific hiring requirement in the charter: residency. So significant an omission should not be addressed by changing the city’s charter to match. (bakertilly.sharefile.com/share/view/sdf72c3803ceb4f7c94e9069542e8ae91).

Allowing council the latitude to change employment requirements at its discretion may also lead to actual or perceived discriminatory practices or favoritism.

We urge council to withdraw the proposed amendment to the city charter.

(There is a public hearing to discuss this on Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. to noon at the Municipal Building.)

Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Is Better Served

Is Greenbelt a great place to live? Is Greenbelt a great place to work? Why isn’t Greenbelt a great place to live and work? That is the message that I felt when some of Greenbelt’s upper staff retired after working for Greenbelt for decades but living outside of Greenbelt. Why was Greenbelt good enough for a career, but not good enough for a home? This question is relevant now because city council is discussing whether or not to require our next city manager to live in Greenbelt. All of our past city managers lived in Greenbelt while working here.

I suggest that Greenbelt is better served by its employees when they live in Greenbelt. For one,

they would spend less time commuting, meaning they would have more time for themselves which might make them happier.

Or they might commute by walking or biking, which is less stressful than driving and has more health benefits. Also, by living in the community that they serve, they would have a more holistic understanding of the community, which would support their work performance.

Lastly, some of the money that Greenbelt pays in salaries would come back to Greenbelt in local income tax payments. Maybe we could add that amount to an employee’s salary if they live in Greenbelt, as an incentive to live here. But the real incentive should be that Greenbelt is a great place to live and work.

Alex Barnes

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Frozen Sing-Along

A fearless young princess (Kristen Bell) sets out with a mountaineer (Jonathan Groff) to find her sister (Idina Menzel), whose icy powers have trapped their kingdom in eternal winter. Shown with on-screen lyrics and a bouncing snowflake to follow along.

Moving On

Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin star as estranged friends who reunite to seek revenge on the petulant widower (Malcolm McDowell) of their recently deceased best friend. Along the way, Fonda’s character reunites with her great love (Richard Roundtree) as each woman learns to make peace with the past and each other. “Fonda and Tomlin are as good as they have ever been and Moving On proves itself a powerful rumination on the strength it takes to age – mentally, physically and economically,” said critic Marya E. Gates of RogerEbert.com.

The Lost King

In this inspiring comedy drama (a true story), amateur historian Philippa Langley (Sally Hawkins) believes she has made the archeological find of the century: the lost burial site of King Richard III. She takes on Britain’s most eminent historians, forcing them to rethink the legacy of one of the most controversial rulers in English history. Said critic Brian Eggert of Deep Focus Review: “It’s a story about an average woman finding her passion and happiness, all while overcoming prejudices and long-held assumptions until she literally changes history. What could be more thrilling?”

The More the Merrier

Due to a housing shortage in Washington, D.C., during World War II, Connie Milligan (Jean Arthur) agrees to rent part of her apartment to wealthy retiree Benjamin Dingle (Charles Coburn) and soldier Joe Carter (Joel McCrea). Although Connie is engaged to the unexciting Charles Pendergast (Richard Gaines), she becomes fond of Joe. When Dingle notices their interest in each other, he attempts to play matchmaker – but instead causes problems for the entire apartment.

Air

From director Ben Affleck, Air reveals the unbelievable game-changing partnership between a then-rookie Michael Jordan and Nike’s fledgling basketball division which revolutionized the world of sports and contemporary culture with the Air Jordan brand. This moving story follows the career-defining gamble of an unconventional team with everything on the line, the uncompromising vision of a mother who knows the worth of her son’s immense talent, and the basketball phenom who would become the greatest of all time.

Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.
editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com

Corrections

In last week’s paper, One Volunteer’s Story, we misstated the title of the ad that brought in Pat Scully as a proofreader. The paper ran the ad deliberately misspelling "HLEP" so that people with a proofer’s eye would be spurred to come in to fix it.



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Frozen Sing Along (PG) (CC) (DVS) (2013) (108 mins)
(It Didn't) Snow Day Film - Free!
Fri. 1:00 PM

Moving On (R) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (85 mins)
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Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 3:00 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Mon. 4:00 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Wed. 7:45 PM
Thurs. 6:00 PM

The More the Merrier (NR) (1943) (104 mins)
Free Monday Matinee!
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

The Lost King (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (109 mins)
Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
Sun. 2:30 PM, 5:00 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM (OC), 4:30 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM


Air (R) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (112 mins)
Wed. 7:30 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM



Even I know that anyone who's anyone reads the newspaper in this town!

- Shayna Skolnik

- News Review, February 18, 2016



Chalk art celebrating Ramadan and Nowruz by Vijay Parameswaran

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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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Community Events

CHEARS to Exhibit Floral Photography

The CHEARS floral photography event will take place in April. Anyone can submit their laminated floral photos and they will be displayed in the Three Sisters Garden-East in Schrom Hills Park. For more details, call Effie Levner at 443-415-1053.

Greenbelt PORCH April Pickup Schedule

SNAP is ending, support Greenbelt PORCH, Greenbelt's answer to hunger.

If there is no monthly food drive in the neighborhood (see the schedule below), one can help through P.A.L. (PORCH At Large). To participate, simply contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com with one's address by noon on the scheduled monthly pickup date and leave the donation by the front door marked RUAK or PORCH visible from the street. Ensure donated items have not expired.

April pickups are as follows:
Sunday, April 9. By 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway
Saturday, April 15. By 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill
Sunday, April 16. By 4 p.m. on for Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors)
Sunday, April 23. By 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road and by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome. PORCH is particularly looking for coordinators in the Greenbelt East area. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Make Stained-glass Window Hangings



PHOTO BY LISA BILLINGSLEY

Create beautiful stained glass

Learn how to create stained-glass window hangings with artist Maureen Stone at one of her two upcoming workshops on April 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. Both workshops are open to ages 16 and up.

Participants who are new to working with stained glass will learn how to score and break glass creating simple shapes like stars and Mondrian squares. More experienced participants will learn to cut more complex shapes in order to create nature and seasonal tableaux. All participants will then solder their pieces together using copper foil.

No experience is necessary. For more information, see page 15 of the Greenbelt Recreation Spring Activity Guide and register for activity # 253207-1 (Saturday, April 1) or activity # 253207-2 (Sunday, April 2). The guide and registration instructions are available here: bit.ly/3JEL47C. Fees apply.

These activities are sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program. For more program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

CHEARS Poetry In the Garden April 23

Poetry in the Garden has been postponed to Sunday, April 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Schrom Hills Park, Three Sisters Garden-East. For details, call Effie Levner at 443-415-1053.

Work to Restore GHI Woodlands

Help with planting for the benefit of fireflies, butterflies and birds. The Woodlands Committee is hosting a workday on Sunday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. The project is to remove invasive shrubs and vines, move mulch and plant spicebush and native wildflowers near the Hillside Road underpass, which is between 13 and 19 Courts Hillside Road. Meet on the bike path by the underpass, just a bit uphill from the Firefly Sanctuary.

Bring a face mask for when you are in proximity to others, clothes that cover the skin, leather gloves and thick pants to protect against scratches, loppers, pruning shears, trowels and shovels.

For more information, contact SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

Community Yard Sale At Firehouse April 15

Ready, Set, Go — and clean out sheds, cubby holes and closets to find those yard sale treasures. The ladies' auxiliary to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their much-anticipated indoor community yard sale on Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 125 Crescent Road. Stop by to help support the fire department and ladies' auxiliary. While there visit the many tables of wonderful bargains. Refreshments and homemade baked items will also be available for purchase. There are still tables available to rent. See the classified ad for further details. The firehouse is handicapped accessible.

Artist Reception

An Art Reception for Artist Racquel Keller will be held at the New Deal Café Sunday, April 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The art exhibit will be on view through Sunday, April 30.

Workshop Brings Spring Garlands



PHOTO BY VANESSA ZANIN

Create spring garlands

Learn new crafting techniques and create colorful spring garlands out of felt and yarn with artist Vanessa Zanin on Friday, April 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Adults and teens will learn how to needle felt while younger participants learn how to create yarn pom poms and spring ornaments made out of felt and glue. Each household will create one spring garland.

No experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided. Nominal fees apply. For more information, see page 10 of the Greenbelt Recreation Spring Activity Guide.

This activity is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program.

Scout Troop 214 Has Open House

Calling all Webelos scouts who are completing the Order of Light or a fifth grader interested in Scouting. Come to Troop 214's Open House on Tuesday, April 11, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 6700 Kenilworth Avenue., Riverdale Park. Learn about all the exciting activities the troop participates in (camping, hiking, rock climbing and more) and the skills the scouts develop. Troop 214 has both boys and girls troops. All are welcome to come and discover the scouting experience.

Call for Artists

New Deal Café is looking for artists to participate in the annual Green Man group art show. The theme this year is Remembrance: Our Ancestors and Our Roots. Submissions for this show are due by Monday, April 24, and can be submitted for consideration to artworksbymaryann@gmail.com. There is no limit on the number of submissions. The art show will run from May 1 until July 3.

Composting Workday Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. until noon, enjoy an outdoor composting workday at the three-bin hot-composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Aquatic Center. Commune with neighbors outdoors, and learn about how to make compost from food waste that comes from Greenbelt's Co-op Supermarket.

Elementary through high school students are welcome. There are lots of kinds of jobs to do, and snacks to keep volunteers going.

If the idea of keeping food waste from the landfill — where it produces methane, one of the worst greenhouse gasses — is of interest, just show up when it's convenient on Saturday morning, or email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com for more information.

Spring Recreation Class Registration

Registration is now open for all residents for Greenbelt Recreation's 2023 spring classes. Programs are available for all ages, including visual arts, dance, sports, music and more. Inclusion services and financial assistance are available.

For information about the classes and the registration process, see the Activity Guide at greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide.

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Students will learn the basics of cinematography and editing in order to create their own unique short films during this eight week class.

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8 meetings: 4/3 - 5/22

Open Lab: Thursdays 4 - 6 pm / CC-204
8 meetings: 4/6 - 5/25

Spring Registration is Open!
To register, visit recreation.greenbeltmd.gov
You can also call 301-397-2200 or 301-397-2208, or email cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov or rcampbell@greenbeltmd.gov

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It's time to renew your membership or join NDC. Go to www.newdealcafe.com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."

*** For more information, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.**

Obituaries

Marie Virginia Zanner

Marie Virginia Barrett Zanner died peacefully in her sleep on February 28, 2023. She was 98.

Born in 1925 in Texarkana, Texas, a town her grandparents helped found, she spent her childhood between there and Tulsa, Okla. Virginia graduated “Top Girl” from high school in 1942 and then in 1945 she became the first woman to graduate with a physics degree from Rice University (then the Rice Institute), where she was a member of both Sigma Xi and Pi Delta Phi sororities. After turning down an opportunity to work in Enrico Fermi’s physics lab, she relocated to Washington, D.C., where she met her husband Carl, had three children and found work at the National Academy of Sciences, the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab and eventually landed at Goddard Space Flight Center, working on collecting data from satellites and programming computers. She often said that Rice prepared her for a career that hadn’t been invented yet, but that everything she did at Goddard became obsolete the day after she retired.

In addition to a pioneering career (working full time during the 50s and 60s, while raising three children) she helped found,



PHOTO BY TOM ZANNER

Marie Virginia “Ginny” Zanner

or was substantially involved in, over a dozen local community theater groups, including Arena Stage, the Mount Vernon Players, The Shakespearians, The Washington Readers Club, The Gene-

sians, the Chevy Chase Players, Burn Brae Dinner Theater, the theater group connected to Goddard (MAD) and the Greenbelt Arts Center. She was a board member of the latter, where she especially thrived running a youth program for budding thespians. She directed complicated plays from Arcadia to Henry V and The Fifth Sun. With MAD, she directed musicals including South Pacific and Camelot. She was involved in all aspects of the theater, both on and off stage, from directing, to light design, costumes and set construction, as well as acting, singing and dancing. She also understood the production and marketing side of the theater business, finding

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Maundy Thursday

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April 6, 7 pm

April 9, 10:15 am

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As Jesus entered Jerusalem in preparation for his ministry in the temple, his arrival was hailed with celebratory cheers and a grand entrance. No one knew what was to come.

Jesus, a teacher and activist, began to connect with the needs of the people. As the Last Supper approached, as the day of his death approached, he filled his cup with Life.

How might we fill our chalices with Life this day, and every day?

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at:
University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Community Church Celebrates Holy Week



This Sunday marks the start of Holy Week for the Christian church. At Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ, the week will begin with Palm Sunday observances on April 2 at 10:15 a.m. On April 6, a Maundy Thursday observance and reflection begins at 7 p.m. The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association hosts an Easter Sunrise Service at Buddy Attick Lake Park on April 9 at 7 a.m. At 10:15 a.m., Easter services and an egg hunt will take place at Greenbelt Community Church.

Condolences to the family and friends of Ginny Zanner who died at age 98. Many will remember seeing her in performances by the Goddard Music and Drama Club or at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Our sympathies also to Greenbelt pioneer and News Review staffer Kathleen McFarland and her family on the death of her daughter, Jackie McFarland.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

The Bible Says...

Lent-Week #6

For the wages of sin is death,
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Romans 6:23



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Monday April 3 7pm to 8pm

Wednesday April 5 noon to 1pm

Holy Thursday

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April 6 7:30pm

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Good Friday

April 7

Noon: Living Stations

2pm: Traditional Stations of
the Cross

7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion

live streamed on FB

Easter Sunday

April 8 8pm,

The Vigil of Easter

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| Maundy Thursday | April 6 | 7:30PM | Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing |
| Good Friday | April 7 | Noon & 7:30PM | Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday |
| Holy Saturday | April 8 | 10am SHARP 7:30PM | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Easter Sunday | April 9 | 10:30AM | The Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Eucharist Festival Holy Eucharist |

“See, I am near” says the Lord.. “See, I make all things new.”

Make Sculptures At Artful Afternoon

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to create intricate 3-D hanging paper sculptures with local artist Barbara Joann Combs. This free Artful Afternoon activity will take place on Sunday, April 2 in the Community Center’s ground floor east space. There will be two seatings, from 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Advance registration is recommended; sign up online at bit.ly/3ZJSQmd. Walk-ins are welcome if space allows. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. Enter by the flag pole on the east side of the building.

Art materials will be provided and masks are strongly recommended.

Greenbelt’s arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Join Gardening Angels

Retirees and telecommuters who want an outdoor lunch break are invited to attend a worksession of a Woodlands Committee group addressing the biodiversity crisis in our own community on Thursday, April 6 from noon to 1 p.m. This year create a nurturing habitat by propagating native plants, removing invasives and installing the nurtured plants in common spaces in Greenbelt. Meet on the bike path next to the Hillside Road underpass, just a bit uphill from the Firefly Sanctuary. There is work for all kinds of bodies, so whether one can dig all day or wants to get hands in the soil while seated at a table, come on out. For more information, contact SowingStrength2@gmail.com.



City Notes

Museum staff, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Kristin Weaver welcomed several Maryland state legislators who were touring sites that are requesting bond support.

The Animal Shelter houses three dogs, eight cats, six kittens and three rabbits. One cat and five kittens joined; a kitten and two cats were adopted.

Street Maintenance/Special Details filled a sinkhole near the Sunoco underpass. Horticulture/Parks remediated storm-damaged Bradford pear trees in Greenbelt East and Refuse/Recycling collected 24.40 tons of refuse and 9.50 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance de-winterized the outdoor pool and Fleet Maintenance repaired four police vehicles.

Community Center staff assisted the News Review’s floor maintenance project and accommodated homeowner associations, Concert Band, Golden Age, Scouts, Community Development, Arts Center, Unplugged, Israeli Dance and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program’s monthly produce distribution (serving 245 households).

The indoor pool closed briefly to remedy a chemical imbalance. Arts staff oriented new ceramics students and prospective artist-in-residence applicants.

Therapeutic Recreation and the Preschool director created programming for preschoolers with emotional challenges.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 3-7

Monday, April 3 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Monday, April 3 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - REVENUES - MISC. - GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS/SOCIAL SERVICES**

Tuesday, April 4 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approve March Minutes, Presentations by Recognition Groups, Planning Arts Mixer, Adjourn*

Wednesday, April 5 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of March 15 Minutes, Detailed Site Plan for 7010 Greenbelt Road - Presentation from Applicant and Discussion, Staff Updates, Adjourn*

Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT WEST PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 11 AM - 1 PM
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NON-PROFIT RECOVERY GRANT

The City of Greenbelt has begun accepting applications from eligible nonprofit organizations for a one time “recovery” grant made possible through the allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Qualified nonprofits will be eligible to apply for grants up to \$25,000, as allowed by ARPA, to address negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding for this grant program is provided under the American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Treasury. Under the U.S. Treasury guidelines, nonprofits eligible for assistance are those that experienced negative economic impacts or disproportionate impacts of the pandemic and meet the definition of “nonprofit” – specifically those that are 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax-exempt organizations.

To apply, visit <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/87940-City-Of-Greenbelt>

TREE CANOPY GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt is awarding a one-time, reimbursable grant to go directly towards the purchase of trees to assist homeowners and community organizations with the planting or replacement of trees caused by storm damage, disease or invasive insects. Funding for this grant will be provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and can be used to purchase, install, stake and mulch the area the tree or trees will be planted.

Applications are now open. To apply, visit engagegreenbelt.org or visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/4a129f7cd3ba497750f3ced54a200b2a?r=use1>.

For questions on the Tree Canopy grant, email treecanopy@greenbeltmd.gov.

Deadline to apply is no later than **June 1, 2023, at 4:30 pm.**

GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT Application period has been extended until June 15!

The purpose of the Greenbelt Education Scholarship grant is to provide assistance for residents interested in furthering their education beyond high school. Scholarships can be used to assist with the cost of college, trade school, or other educational opportunities.

Qualified residents are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 over two years. For more information visit greenbeltmd.gov/scholarship

2023 GREENBELT WELCOME KITS

The City of Greenbelt Welcome Kit is back! This long-standing tradition of providing new Greenbelt residents a physical welcome to the community is in full swing.

The City of Greenbelt, Public Information Office, is now accepting items (flyers, pens, postcards, brochures, tchotchkes, etc.) to be added to the 2023 Welcome Kit for new Greenbelt residents. If you want to include any information about your business, club, or organization, please send 250 promotional items to the address below **by Friday, April 14.**

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD 20770

Request for Proposal Buddy Attick Park Master Plan City of Greenbelt RFP No. 2023-03-R

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, is requesting submission of proposals from all parties wishing to be considered for consulting services related to the City of Greenbelt’s Buddy Attick Park Master Plan. The complete Request for Proposal package can be accessed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation (beginning Thursday, March 16, 2023) or requested by emailing cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov.

Bids are due by 11 am on Monday, April 18, 2023.

CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Charter Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, to amend §35, City Manager-Appointment; Qualifications; Term of Office; Removal; Acting City Manager, to provide the Council the discretion to permit a City Manager to live outside the City of Greenbelt, and update gender references to the City Manager.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on this charter resolution on **APRIL 1, 2023 AT 10 AM IN THE COUNCIL ROOM** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing on the above date. Written comments may either be presented at this hearing or sent to the City Clerk.

The public is welcome to attend. The Charter Resolution is available online and at the Clerk’s office. For more information, please **contact the City Manager’s office at (301) 474-8000.**

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

Artful Afternoon Workshop
Sunday, April 2, 1 - 3pm, FREE, all age
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 25 Crescent Rd.

Create 3-D, hanging, paper sculptures with artist Barbara Joann Combs

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GREENBELT RECREATION’S SPRING GUIDE 2023 www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide

GREENBELT RECREATION’S SUMMER CAMP GUIDE AT www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps

SPRING CAMPS AVAILABLE APRIL 3-7, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Green Ridge House Opens Wait List

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt’s HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from Monday, April 10 thru 14, 2023 from 9 am to 4 pm. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. **All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older. All applicants must have with them a valid State ID or Driver’s License and their Social Security card. We cannot accept an application without these two items.** All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one’s income within a maximum gross income of \$49,850 for individuals and \$56,950 for couples. All apartments are one-bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply. Green Ridge House is a Non-Smoking Building.



GREENBELT MICRO GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt Micro Grant is a one-time, matching, reimbursable grant intended to be a resident-led initiative to build community and engage new people across neighborhoods. This is a one-time, reimbursable grant funded through the American Rescue Plan Act to help communities move beyond the COVID pandemic and to broaden Greenbelt’s connections to all its neighborhoods and residents. HOA’S, Condominium Associations, Apartment Complexes, GHI Co-op, and Community Coalitions registered as 501 (c) 3 are eligible to apply for one of three types of grants, 1) Community Event Grant, 2) Neighborhood Communication Grant, and 3) Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

To learn more about and apply for the grant opportunities, please visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/7575c04647a68ad4ff464c00401f684d?r=use1>

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xlKZ50My327>

ENGAGE GREENBELT

For all up-to-date ARPA program updates including mortgage assistance programs, scholarships, first-time homebuyer grant programs, small business assistance, and more visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

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that GHI takes care of much of her home’s maintenance. “I also like the fact that I have a garden...that is important too.... I like the balance.” These elements of affordable cooperative living and picturesque landscaping are only two of the many aspects she has explored in academic articles, historic preservation reports and lectures promoting Greenbelt as a New Deal icon. “I was always interested in housing,” she says. “When I live in a place, I like to know about it.”

Parisian-born Gournay first visited the U.S. when she was 20 years old. She travelled from Williamsburg, Va., to Quebec City, Canada, on Greyhound buses, always sketching along the way. Back in Paris, she earned an art degree and museum training certificate from the École du Louvre in 1979 and 1980 and a Masters of Architecture from the École des Beaux-Arts in 1980. With these degrees in hand, she came back to the U.S. to attend Yale University. Returning once again to Paris to work on her dissertation, she began to pursue her interest in the connections between urbanism, architecture and housing in France and the U.S. which have since defined her career. She received her Ph.D. in art history in 1989 while living in Atlanta, Ga., with her then husband and expecting her daughter. She taught at several colleges there before joining the MAPP faculty at the University of Maryland (UMD). An impressive scholar, Gournay has authored two books and edited four, written numerous articles and book chapters and guest curated three exhibitions. She has not slowed down in retirement, with several new works in progress.

One American architect in particular who she discovered in her research was North Carolina native Douglas Ellington. A student at the École des Beaux-Arts in the early 20th century, he would eventually become one of the chief architects for Greenbelt. “My gut feeling is that he was the principal designer for the Greenbelt Center Elementary School (now the Community Center).” (To see Gournay’s Greenbelt Museum lecture on Ellington, visit greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20140410.pdf.) “I like the notion of doing research which is also based on personal observation that is not totally abstract, but has some potential to be used by other people,” she says. “I went to the École des Beaux-Arts and I was educated like Douglas Ellington and I was in the same location. So it’s not totally autobiographical, but also something I can relate to.”

Gournay has explored her ideas about urban housing and architecture in several publications she has co-authored with another Greenbelt colleague, Mary Corbin Sies, who teaches American Studies at UMD. They began their research and writing partnership in 2002, when awarded grants from the Maryland Historical Trust to study the Modern Movement in Maryland. This project initially included a comprehensive context essay about modernist architecture in the state. More recently, it has focused on documentation for National Register nominations for a selection of key resources, including the Lustine dealership in Hyattsville. For these reports,



Isabelle Gournay

UMD graduate students worked alongside Gournay and Sies.

Their latest publication, *Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change*, is a series of international case studies by various planning history scholars that they co-edited with Robert Freestone in 2019. The duo also contributed an essay, *Greenbelt at 75: Sustaining a New Deal Icon*. Their book won a prize from the International Planning History Society in 2020. “Mary and I have done a lot of work together and we complement each other very well,” says Gournay. “She has inspired me.” (For more about their book, see the November 21, 2019, issue of the News Review)

“The Greenbelt plan was really iconic...it is so characteristic with its crescent shape. It is very scenic – you take a little pathway and never is it the same, never cookie-cutter,” Gournay says. “You don’t find two courts that are absolutely alike.” She further explains that “I always feel like I live in the plan.” As a volunteer guide for the Greenbelt Museum since 2006, she uses her intimate knowledge of these byways to give her tour groups a truly immersive experience. “I really love giving tours for the Greenbelt Museum,” she says. In one case, for instance, “I took landscape students from Penn State through the tiniest of pathways – places where we could almost get lost.”

Beside her activities on behalf of the Greenbelt Museum, Gournay served on Greenbelt’s

75th Anniversary Advisory Committee, chairing the 75th Anniversary Symposium: Sustaining Greenbelt’s Legacy in 2012. She has also been a member of Greenbelt’s Advisory Planning Board since 2013. In the Planning Board meetings, she says, “It’s sometimes out of my comfort zone...but I speak my mind about the projects. We are trying to push developers, a bit, toward doing things which are more amenity-rich and interesting. The professional planners in Greenbelt are very good,” she acknowledges, “it’s a nice group to work with.” The City of Greenbelt honored her with a Public Service Citation in 2013 in recognition of her cooperative spirit.

Gournay points out that after World War II, the Greenbelt plan came to be a point of reference for new towns internationally: “Greenbelt became really a very important testing ground for a lot of ideas...it was rather unprecedented in that way.” She believes that Greenbelt needs to be placed in its context, both in terms of where its original designers found their inspirations abroad and how its design may have influenced later planned communities outside of the U.S.

Looking toward the future of Greenbelt as a continuing legacy of its New Deal roots, “Nothing in Greenbelt is meant to be a showcase of something we are not,” observes Gournay. “There is a lot of authenticity...it is true to the origin story of the place.” To that end, she is a tireless ambassador for Greenbelt and its history of cooperative living in an amenity-rich and nature-friendly environment. She is still making new discoveries about Greenbelt, presenting her findings at international conferences in Canada and Europe.

Although officially “retired” from her faculty duties, Gournay says “I love sharing my knowledge of Greenbelt and I continue to do that.... What I tell people is that I am not a U.S. citizen – but I am a Greenbelter!”



Gournay’s prefab Cape Cod Woodland Way house in 1937




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moving to Greenbelt was the first time she felt like “‘a raisin in the sun’ as they say.”

Rosado once asked Mayor Emmett Jordan why the city didn’t do anything for Black History Month. Subsequently, on January 28, 2018, Jordan phoned her and asked how she felt about putting together something for Black History Month – February – of that year.

“We did it!” she said, honoring Chris Cherry for his contribution and the committee members of that first Black History Month: Leann Irwin, who served as co-chair with Rosado; Jordan; Robert Goldberg-Strassler; Carolyn Lambright-Davis; Carol Malveaux; Joe Parks; and Michael Hartmann. The celebration featured Dr. Alvin Thornton as a guest speaker, Dem Raider Boyz, a karate demonstration and a spoken word piece by Robin Gorsline.

The Black History Month program in Greenbelt continues on each year and in 2023 featured an art and cultural program titled *Black Resistance and Resilience in the Diaspora*.

Jordan described Rosado as “so passionate, a great communicator,” and noted some of her many accomplishments. “She worked at the Aquatic Center, she’s involved with Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance, she serves on the board of directors at Charlestowne Village and she’s part of the Prince George’s County Lynching Memorial Project.”

In addition, Rosado is a member of Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), writes for the Greenbelt News Review, is a member of the Riverdale Historical Society and was recently appointed to the Greenbelt Reparations Commission.

Prior to retirement, she served as the assistant dean/executive director of the State University of New York/Brooklyn Educa-

tion Opportunity Center for adult academic and workforce development. “Teaching, working with young people, that’s her passion,” Jordan said. Rosado has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Humanitarian Award (2005), Leadership in Education Award from Governor David A. Paterson and the West Indian American Day Association (2009), Proclamation for Service from the City of New York (2009), and was noted in the Congressional Record by Congressman Edolphus Towns in honor of her work with the Education Opportunity Center.

As a teacher, Rosado spent her career around “so many different kinds of people.” She said, “We are all human beings and we all come from different backgrounds and it’s a question of finding a common ground with someone else.”

Rosado has made an incredibly positive impact within the Greenbelt community since she moved here. She has built bridges through the many friendships she has developed, further strengthening the community and city in which she lives. She has brought to Greenbelt the continuation of her skills as a community service activist, volunteer and teaching professional that she honed while living in New York. She spoke fondly of those she has encountered over the years, both in Greenbelt and in New York, and talked about many of the students who were and continue to be dear to her. “I work with people as human beings and as individuals,” she said. “I don’t lump people together. If you lump people together you do a disservice to yourself and you do a disservice to others.... You need to have quiet conversations, not screaming, but quiet conversations because in those quiet conversations you learn you have more in common than not.”



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Support At-risk Pollinators Now with No Mow April

by Xochitl Zamora-Thompson

The cities of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and Laurel are affiliates of Bee City USA, an organization that “provides a framework for communities...to conserve native pollinators,” according to its program overview. Greenbelt participates in Bee City’s No Mow month initiative and invites residents to participate in this initiative as well. Research has shown that up to 40 percent of pollinator species may be at risk of extinction due to the dire consequences of habitat loss, pesticide use and anthropogenic climate change for agriculture, ecosystems, wildlife and human health worldwide.

Bee City USA and Plantlife, a U.K.-based international plant and fungi conservation organization, promote No Mow month or Low Mow Spring, held at the start of the growing season – April for our area – and is critical for newly emerged native pollinators. Native flowers can be hard to find, particularly in urban and suburban landscapes. Mowing less often and letting lawn flowers bloom provides nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinators. But No Mow/Low Mow are really shorthand for a set of flexible strategies to combat pollinator decline. This initiative is, at its heart, an opportunity to raise awareness of the dramatic and consequential decline in native pollinator populations and to spark discourse and local action to remedy it.

While many pollinators are generalists and can utilize pollen and nectar from a wide variety of plants, others are strict specialists and are only around when their plant partners are blooming. In the Mid-Atlantic, spring ephemerals, the wildflowers blooming before trees leaf out, include spring beauty, trout lily, Virginia bluebells, mayapple, Jacob’s ladder, trillium, bloodroot, Dutchman’s breeches and squirrel corn, which are as much a delight for the soul as they are requisite for the survival of many native pollinator insects. Native vines that bloom as early as March, such as coral honeysuckle and yellow jessamine, also supply much-needed resources to pollinators before the explosion of flowers typical of May, June and July. Native shrubs and trees that are a vital source of food in March and April include redbud, green hawthorn, painted buckeye, fringe-tree, witch-alder, fragrant sumac and pawpaw. Unfortunately, many of these native plants are rare or absent in our communities.

It has been estimated that lawns constitute the single largest irrigated “crop” grown in the U.S. The “perfect” turfgrass lawn, while aesthetically pleasing to many and useful for certain



Virginia bluebells

activities, offers almost nothing to pollinators. If that describes your lawn, there is no reason to participate in Now Mow April. However, if your lawn has other flowering plants, often considered weeds, such as clover, dandelion, violet or chickweed, you can support pollinators by mowing your lawn less frequently. These flowers provide both pollen and nectar for pollinators early in the season when there may be fewer sources nearby. Yards with these flowers serve as a food way-station between areas with more native plants.

Mowing Strategies

After allowing a “weedy” lawn to grow throughout April, remember to cut grass back gradually when mowing resumes by removing no more than one-third of the blade height at a time. According to Paul Koch, University of Wisconsin associate professor and turf grass specialist, “If you’re taking care to go back down at a gradual level to normal mowing height” there aren’t likely to be “any long-term effects...on the health of the lawn.” Keep in mind, however, that imported lawn weeds don’t necessarily provide the best nutritional value for native pollinators. Diet suitability affects offspring number, colony size, mortality and immunity among both bees and bumblebees, as demonstrated in several studies. At least two studies have shown that the “loss of preferred host-plant[s] can induce starvation and developmental delay” in some pollinators. Indeed, a 2019 paper in Nature reports that bumblebee colonies on a dandelion-dominant diet collected less food overall and experienced higher rates of mortality and decreased colony growth, even without added heat stress, compared to colonies with diets dominant in more suitable native plants.

The somewhat surprising results of a two-year study from the U.S. Forest Service and the

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, published in Biological Conservation, suggest that a schedule of mowing every two weeks maximizes bee abundance in “imperfect” suburban lawns, those that also contain low-growing perennials. This is probably the easiest and least expensive method to support local bee populations, and it can be continued throughout the growing season. To increase and improve the quality of the food supply for pollinators, we can take a step beyond mowing less frequently and grow pollinator-friendly, wild or bee lawns. This can be as simple as allowing volunteer flowering plants to thrive, abandoning the use of herbicides and pesticides and mowing every two weeks or so. Also beneficial is adding low-growing native pollinator plants to one’s lawn area. A more involved option is to transform lawn into native meadow. Future articles from the Green ACES Pollinator Team will discuss how to implement these strategies.

Plant Natives

Finally, converting as much space as practicable to conservation-oriented plantings where at least 70 percent of plants are

See **NO MOW**, page 11

100th Birthday Celebration



PHOTO BY TIM UBER

James Passante (third from right) of Research Road turned 100 years old on March 28, 2023. He served proudly in WWII, and in the early 50s bought the house on Research that he still resides in with his daughter. After the war he became a teacher at Parkdale H.S. He celebrated his birthday with his daughter and his friends at the McDonalds on Greenbelt Road in Berwyn Heights.

GHI General Manager Search Will Be Extended

The search for a new general manager for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) is continuing. The GHI Board had selected a new general manager and presented an offer that was accepted earlier in March. The candidate then withdrew to accept another offer.

The GHI Transition and

Search Committee is moving forward to solicit applications from additional candidates. The search remains open and candidates are invited to review the GHI General Manager position profile which can be found on the GHI website. To apply, submit a resumé and cover letter to GHITransitionandSearch@ghi.coop. Resumé review is ongoing.

Eldon Ralph, the current general manager, has extended his retirement date for six months to support the continuation and successful completion of the search. Additional updates will follow as the process moves forward.

Greenbriar III Elects Board of Directors

Greenbriar Phase III had their annual meeting on March 21 and the results of the election are as follows: Angeline Butler, president; Jane Mullaney, vice president; Carol Adams, secretary; Clarence Gillis, treasurer; and Iona King, director.

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Henrietta Wood

Henrietta Wood was born into slavery in Northern Tennessee in approximately 1819. In 1848, Jane Cirode, the wife of her enslaver, granted Henrietta freedom and registered her as a free woman. Five years later Deputy Sheriff Zebulon Ward of Kentucky kidnapped Wood at the request of the son and daughter-in-law of her former enslaver. Wood spent a year imprisoned at a slave pen in Lexington, Ky. Due to the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, she could not defend herself by trial or by testimony. An innkeeper who felt empathy for Wood filed on her behalf but the claim was unsuccessful because her original freedom paperwork had burned in a fire and Wood’s kidnappers stole her copy. She was sold to the son of the former Governor of Mississippi, Gerard Brandon, and subsequently toiled, enslaved, on cotton plantations, then in Brandon’s house. She was among hundreds of slaves he moved to Texas to keep them enslaved after the Civil War.

In 1866, Brandon moved to Mississippi, and Wood’s enslavement was replaced by an employment contract, though she was never paid.

When Wood moved to Ohio as a free woman she sued her kidnapper, Ward. Wood v Ward was litigated in 1879 and she was awarded \$2,500 of the \$20,000 restitution she requested. Worth over \$65,000 today it was the largest settlement of its kind and a reparation that had generational impact. She moved to Chicago with her son Arthur and used the restitution money to help him enroll in Union College of Law, now Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. Arthur Simms practiced law for approximately 62 years in Chicago.

Belinda Sutton

Belinda (Royal) Sutton was born in 1712 in Ghana. She was abandoned by her enslaver, who had offered emancipation upon his death or her transfer to his daughter. If she chose freedom he provided 30 pounds for three years so she wouldn’t be a public charge. In 1783, at 63 years old, Sutton filed a petition to the Massachusetts General Court requesting a pension from the estate of her former enslaver. In her petition she recalled her life in Africa as a joyful one full of love prior to her captivity and enslavement. Sutton’s testimony describing the happy times with family in Africa contradicted the narrative that the enslaved were happy in their captivity. She won her claim and was awarded 15 pounds and 12 shillings annually. She had to fight continuously for that award to be honored and paid.

Callie House

Callie House was born enslaved in Rutherford County, Tennessee, in 1861. In 1897, at 36 years old, she founded the National Ex-Slave Mutual Bounty and Pension Association (MB&PA) to seek financial support for former slaves left without resources. With Isiah Dickerson she traveled to former slave states to encourage others to join the organization. The organization was eager to petition Congress for a bill that would grant payments (reparations) and mutual aid for burial expenses. Their grass-roots advocacy grew in membership to hundreds of thousands of formerly enslaved

Henrietta Wood’s mark on an affidavit from Wood v Ward

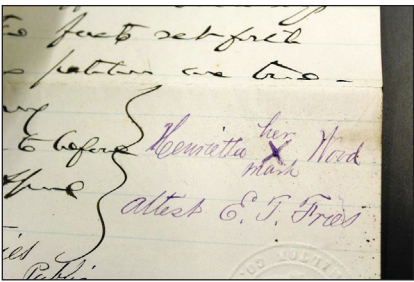


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residents all over the country. The government used three agencies to try to stop this movement: the Federal Bureau of Pensions, the Department of Justice and the Post Office Department. On September 1899, the Post Office issued a fraud order, without evidence, against MB&PA, which made it illegal for them to send mail, cash or money orders. House resisted by invoking the 1st, 14th and 15th amendments and hiring an attorney.

Congress rejected the pensions petition, as if it was not to be taken seriously, and postponed it indefinitely.

In 1909, when Dickerson died, House became the leader of the MB&PA. In 1915, under House’s leadership, the class action lawsuit Johnson v McAdoo was filed in U.S. Federal Court requesting reparations for slavery in the amount of \$68 million. This amount was cotton tax money collected from 1862 to 1868 and held by the U.S. Treasury Department. A former slave, H. N. Johnson, led the charge as the plaintiff against U.S. Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo. The U.S. Supreme Court denied the claim. This was the first documented litigation for reparations for American chattel slavery in a U.S. federal court.

The following year, House was arrested on charges of fraud from the Post Office, convicted by an all-white, all-male jury and sentenced to a year in jail, deliberately hampering the reparations movement.

Local Leaders
In 2020 Maryland House Del-

egate Wanika Fisher, of Prince George’s County, with the support of 45 other Delegates, sponsored House Bill 1201, Maryland Reparations Commission – Establishment (the Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act) to establish a Reparations Commission for African American descendants of chattel slavery in Maryland. The bill was referred to committee after first reading. In January 2022 Fisher along with 27 other delegates sponsored House Bill 0594, Maryland Reparations Commission – Establishment (the Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act) to develop a program to provide compensation to descendants of individuals enslaved by the state. This bill was also referred to committee after a first reading. This month House Bill 0875 Maryland Reparations Commission – Establishment was introduced, sponsored by Delegates McCaskill, Ruth, Addison, Charkoudian, Crutchfield, Kaiser, Lopez, Phillips and White. It would establish a State of Maryland Reparations Commission seeking to address the generational financial repercussions of slavery, assist with college tuition and encourage home ownership. It has been referred to committee.

Greenbelt Reparations

The 21-person Greenbelt Reparations commission recently began its monthly meetings. They have determined the best meeting times based on group members’ availability but have yet to decide on their structure. Their work is just beginning and recommenda-

tions will be a way off.

Generational Implications

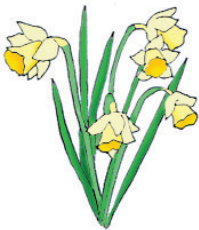
The effects of slavery, post-Reconstruction, Jim Crow laws, redlining communities, marginalized banking and education and the war on drugs have created generations of poverty, generational trauma, curses, PTSD and lost hope. Reparations will begin to repair the effects of over 400 years of unimaginable living conditions. It is my opinion that every descendant of chattel slavery is owed reparations. Addressing the foundations of why I and other descendants like me are living paycheck to paycheck after decades of employment is essential for reparative justice.

I come from generations of brokenness and found myself homeless and alone on my 17th birthday. I had my first child at 18 years old and raised him in a single-parent household with no community or family support. He is 27 now, and he asked me why I didn’t set him up for his future. He is comparing his life to the lives of some of his peers who grew up in financially stable home environments. Reparations

would provide a way for families living in disenfranchised environments to afford a better education, better living arrangements, better choices in food and health care as well as freedom in an unequal society.

Last year Greenbelt voters passed a referendum in November directing the city to create a commission to “review and discuss the issue of reparations for African Americans and Native Americans in the City of Greenbelt and make recommendations.” The vote was 1,522 in favor and 910 against.

LaWann Stribling, a Greenbelt resident and descendent of slaves and one of the advocates for the commission’s creation, asks our readers to remember some of the women pioneers of reparations this Women’s History Month.



Obituaries continued

myriad ways to get people in seats for the hundreds of shows she worked on.

When time allowed in her later years, Ginny proofread for the News Review on Wednesday nights.

She remained a faithful Catholic her entire life, teaching CCD at Blessed Sacrament in Chevy Chase, as well as singing in the St. Hugh of Grenoble choir in Greenbelt for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, WWI veteran William H. Barrett and Lelia Daley Barrett; her husband Carl William Zanner, Sr.; her son, Dr. Carl William “Bill” Zanner,

Jr.; and her grandson Brian Harrington Moors. She is survived by her daughter Lelia Zanner Moors, her son Thomas More Carlton Zanner; granddaughters Heather Moors Johnson (Pete) and Kathleen Marilyn Moors; and her great-grandchildren Agnes Marie Johnson, Oscar Barrett Rafael Johnson and William Eyobe Ayele Johnson.

A funeral mass will be held on Monday, April 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. Afterward attendees will celebrate the long, delightful life of this amazing woman at the Greenbelt Arts Center, from 1 to 4 p.m. Interment will be private.



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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred March 20 to 26. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Juveniles Arrested
On March 22 at 4:17 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, a witness saw three boys throw a brick at a car and get onto a Metrobus. Officers located and arrested the suspects, two 15-year-olds and a 16-year-old.

Robbery
On March 22 at 8:11 p.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a man was followed into his residence and robbed at gunpoint by an unknown Black man wearing all black, black ski mask, with dreadlocks, and armed with a black handgun. The robber took the victim's wallet and backpack, ran out of the apartment, and got into the passenger side of a dark-colored crossover SUV that drove away.

Shots Fired
On March 22 at 11:33 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, shots were fired into a residence, but no one was injured. No information about the shooter is available.

Possession and DUI
On March 25 at 4:43 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a 28-year-old man was criminally cited after he was found unresponsive behind the wheel of a car with open containers of alcohol and in possession of illegal substances.

A DUI arrest was made on March 26 at 6:28 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Crescent Road.

Missing Person
Greenbelt Police Department's Criminal Investigative Unit is investigating a missing 13-year-old, Deandre Charles Stevenson. Deandre is male, Black, approximately 5'3" tall and 110 pounds, last seen on March 23 around 8:45 a.m. leaving his residence near 9100 Edmonston Terrace. Deandre was wearing a black ski mask, green polo, black hoodie and tan pants.

Theft and Fraud
On March 22 at 7:48 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, after a tip jar was stolen, the thief was located and banned from property.

Commercial thefts occurred March 21 at 3:22 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road; March 23 at 1:38 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, and at 7:27 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road; and March 24 at 3:22 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, and at 3:35 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road.

Several types of fraud occurred in the past week: on March 20 near 9300 Edmonston Road, EBT fraud; on March 21 near 550 Crescent Road, money wiring fraud; on March 22 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a fraudulent job offer and money wire; and on March 24 near 7700 Mandan Road, unemployment fraud.

Vandalism
On March 20 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a building was vandalized with spray paint.

Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles
Stolen vehicles included a white 2011 Land Rover (Md. plate 55967CK) March 21 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, and a black 2017 Toyota Camry (Ky. plate 613WKC) March 23 near 7700 Hanover Parkway.

Theft From Auto
Steering wheel airbags were stolen from several Hondas: on March 22 near 7600 Hanover Parkway, from a 2017 Honda Accord, a 2012 Honda Civic and a 2015 Civic; near 8200 Canning Terrace from a 2014 Civic; near 8200 Mandan Court from a 2014 Civic; and near 7700 Greenbelt Road from a 2017 Civic.

On March 24 all four tires and rims were stolen from a 2017 Honda Accord near 8200 Canning Terrace, and from a 2022 Honda Accord near 7800 Walker Drive. Disability placards were stolen on March 23 near 7600 Mandan Road, and on March 26 near 7500 Mandan Road. On March 21 near 6100 Breezewood Court, the front license plate was stolen. On March 26 near 8900 Edmonston Road, a window was broken and the title and vehicle registration card were stolen.

On March 20 near 7600 Mandan Road, theft was attempted of the catalytic converter from a 2008 Cadillac STS.

Vandalism to Auto
On March 21 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, three cars in the parking lot had broken windows. Car windows were also broken on March 22 near 7900 Mandan Road, on March 23 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace and on March 24 near 8100 Miner Street.

On March 26 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a Ford Fiesta had damage to the hood and headlight on the passenger side.

Police Hand out Free Steering Locks To Deter Car Thefts



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On Monday, March 27, the Greenbelt Police Department offered free steering locks to Greenbelt residents with Kias or Hyundais. A security weakness in some models of these cars and a TikTok challenge have made them targets of unrelenting thefts – most often by teens – over recent months. (For more on the thefts of Kias and Hyundais see TikTok Challenge Offers Easy Means to Steal Some Vehicles, in the February 23, 2023 issue.) For those not able to make it, please email rrahman@greenbeltmd.gov to schedule a time to pick one up.

Remembering Thomas Juricks, County's Earliest Lynching Victim

by Donna Hoffmeister

The Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project (PG-CLMP), a local grassroots organization facilitated by several Greenbelters, will hold a community remembrance at Harmony Hall, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, to honor Thomas Juricks, whose 1869 lynching is the first documented in the county. Juricks was a Black laborer and farmhand who lived with his family in the Piscataway area near Fort Washington. He was extrajudicially murdered by a masked white mob on October 12, 1869.

The remembrance will honor him through a libation ceremony, soil collection, music, poetry and dance and participation by students from several local high schools. It aims to help people understand how this violent history reverberates into present-day issues such as white supremacy,

mass incarceration and educational disparities between races. The ceremony is free and open to the public on Saturday, April 15, from 1 to 3 p.m.

PGCLMP is a registered nonprofit, all-volunteer organization affiliated with Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice Initiative and the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project. Its mission is to educate the public on the truths of the nation's continuing legacy of the institution of slavery and its impact on enslaved persons and their descendants, memorialize victims of racial terror lynchings in our county and advance the cause of racial justice and reconciliation through mutual support and collaboration.

For more information about the event, send an email to princegeorgescolmp@gmail.com or visit pgclmp.org.

At the Library

Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Greenbelt Library's schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Virtual Events
The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) continues to offer virtual events for the public. The schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at pgcmls.info/events.

Storytimes
Friday, March 31, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7892650 for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

VolunTEENS
Prince George's County teens in grades six to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the Library's VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack via the link at pgcmls.info/teens. All of the necessary information must be provided to earn SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours.

Reading Challenge
Friday, March 31 is the last day to report reading activities for the PGCMLS and Washington Wizards Winter Reading Challenge. Visit pgcmls.info for more information.

Chromebooks
Online 2Go Chromebooks may be borrowed from the Library by those 18 and older with library cards in good standing, one device per customer. No LINK or student accounts are allowed.

The Chromebooks have a six-week loan period which may be renewed once for another six weeks if there are no hold requests from other customers. Further information is available at pgcmls.info/borrow-technology.

Crisis Hotline: 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988 and is available for phone calls and text messages. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

Green Ridge House Opens Wait List

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from Monday, April 10 thru 14, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older. **All applicants must have with them a valid State ID or Driver's License and their Social Security card. We cannot accept an application without these two items.** All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based on 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$49,850 for individuals and \$56,950 for couples. All apartments are one-bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply. Green Ridge House is a Non-Smoking Building.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on April 6, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on February 16, 2023
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) Request by a Member for Permission to Leave Their Unit Unoccupied
- d) 2023 Gutter Cleaning Contract
- e) Contract re: Uniforms for Employees
- f) Amendment to an Agreement for Providing Transition and Search Support Services for Hiring a General Manager
- g) Member Complaint Matters
- h) Proposal to the City of Greenbelt re: Re-imbursing GHI for Costs of Maintaining City-Owned Playgrounds

GHI Open Meeting - starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to visitors and members

- a) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on March 16, 2023
- b) Statement of Closed meeting Held on March 21, 2023
- c) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on April 6, 2023
- d) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on February 16, 2023
- e) Review the Storm Water Management Subcommittee's 2022 Annual Report
- f) Proposal to Hold a Special Open Meeting on April 13, 2022
- g) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on April 20, 2022
- h) Item of Information: Actions to Resolve Problems in Transferring the Regular Maintenance Phone Line to the On-Call Emergency Line

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocOGgpIIG9dSX9Z8Zcl8xQmls9q9rgoy%C2%A0>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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native species, along with avoiding herbicide and pesticide use, is an even more effective strategy to support native pollinators. A study conducted in suburban Washington, D.C., and published in the August 2018 edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences demonstrated that landscapes with 70 to 94 percent native plants may or may not have enough caterpillars to support raising baby chickadees. Those with greater than 94 percent native plant species were able to support survival of enough nestlings to replace their parents while those with less than 70 percent qualified as “food deserts” and had low nestling survival rates. To upgrade a yard to support pollinators and other wildlife, check out resources such as Bee City USA, the Pollinator Friendly Alliance, The Pollinator Partnership, the Xerces Society, the National Wildlife Federation and the local extension service, as well as designers experienced with native plants for maximum benefit.

Ticks

Those concerned about the possibility of increased tick levels with taller grasses will be gratified to learn that a two-year study detailed in a 2019 article in the research journal PLOS One concluded that, at least for suburban lawns, “Taller grasses did not result in more ticks but did support higher abundances and diversity of native bees.” In decreasing order of concern, wooded areas, brushy areas, ground cover plants and the lawn perimeter, form the high-risk tick zone of a typical yard. There are landscaping strategies for reducing suitable habitat for both ticks and their hosts. Implementing tick-management strategies in areas surrounding the most-frequently used parts of the yard can substantially reduce the tick population, creating a “tick-safe” zone. For example, creating at least a three-foot wide wood chip perimeter barrier is an option that will help reduce tick abundance within a yard, depending on the degree of shading and



A no-mow sign is set up ready for April.

humidity. Adding tick tubes – cardboard tubes of cotton balls treated with insecticide – can further reduce risk by treating the mice that live there. The Tick Management Handbook from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station provides a wealth of integrated pest management strategies for the homeowner. And, perhaps surprisingly, studies show that non-native understory plants that are deer-browse resistant are actually associated with greater tick abundance, so there is yet another reason to move toward lawns and gardens predominantly planted with natives and to support invasive plant removal in the local community and beyond. Keep in mind that community-wide programs to treat deer provide the greatest reduction in tick populations.

Actions that support pollinators support the health of all members of the community, from birds to humans. In this spirit, most people can agree with Doug Tallamy’s sentiment, expressed in his book, Nature’s Best Hope, that “[We need] landscaping [that is] synonymous with ecological restoration.” There are still things to learn about the best practices for making that vision a reality, but taking first steps together right now can lead to a hopeful future.



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applicant than a resident. Bill Orleans, of somewhere in Greenbelt, said he does not care where the city manager lives.

Linda Ivy of Lakeside called the last city manager search a disaster. If we continue to make people live in the city, she said, the pool of applicants will be small and we may not get the best possible candidates. However, she felt that the manager should live in Maryland and that council should consider setting a mileage limit for how far away the manager could live.

Dan Gillotte emailed in support of the amendment, which he said would help the city get the best qualified candidates.

No

Scott Landry by email said that having the manager live in Greenbelt creates a vested interest. He said that the charter amendment seems to reflect favoritism toward the acting city manager. In addition, in a crisis or natural disaster, the manager, as the chief public safety officer, cannot evaluate the situation without being on hand.

Bob Rudd strongly opposed the amendment. If the manager

is allowed to live outside the city, the position “becomes a J-O-B rather than a career,” he said. A resident manager becomes part of the community, which does not happen with an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. manager. He said that the Washington area has a dearth of candidates and urged council to undertake a true national search.

Maybe

Peggy Higgins, of Windsor Green, said that it is very important for the manager to live in Greenbelt to fully understand its uniqueness. However, that is not the only criterion. She does not know, she said, whether the city is having recruitment problems. If so, she would support the amendment but it should require the manager to live in Prince George’s County. With a budget of \$31 million, she said the city needs someone with seven to 10 years of experience in city management.

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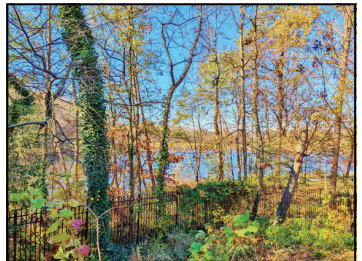
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